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Ceremoney at City Hall Thursday, restoration fund at $1,335

The Committee for the Restoration of City Hall has announced $1,355 has been received as of Tuesday morning in support of the effort to repair the clock and building.

The fund was started in mid-November with a $100 donation by Mr. Robert Powell in response to a NEWS editorial suggesting a movement to restore the Carbondale City Hall be started.

This Thursday there will be ceremonies starting at 6:30 p.m. to mark the repair of the lighting system for the clock. Members of the Carbondale Area High School Band will participate and play Christmas carols. Mr. Robert Powell will make a few remarks in the lobby of City Hall then at 7 p.m. Tom Brennan will throw the switch to light the clock tower and ring the bell seven times. Immediately afterwards, most of the bells in Carbondale and the Hendrick Manufacturing horn will sound for two minutes to celebrate the efforts to restore the clock and building being taken by city residents.

"The churches who can ring their bells have generously agreed to do so and the Hendrick Manufacturing firm has agreed to sound their whistle also. The purpose of the ceremony is to show the area residents the move to repair the clock and building is growing and that progress is being made," said David Baum, a member of the committee.

After the ceremonies there will be a meeting of the restoration committee in City Hall Council Chambers at 7:30 p.m. and the public is invited to attend.

Those who wish to contribute to the fund can send a check to any one of the three following places: The Restoration of Carbondale City Hall Fund, c-o The Carbondale NEWS, 41 North Church Street; The Liberty Discount and Savings Bank, 67 Salem Avenue; or to Nan Loftus, 77 Lincoln Avenue, all in Carbondale.

"The Liberty Bank has generously agreed to allow those who wish to donate to leave a check with the tellers, who will deposit the money in the fund. We hope this will make it easier for those who want to help us financially to do so," added Baum.